

81 FREEZING MEN FOUGHT TO BOARD SHIP FOR HAVANA

Police Scent Swindle and Send
Excited Negroes to Get a
Warrant.

ONE PAWNED HIS SHOES.

No Passage Engaged for Vic-
tims Who Crowded Pier
When Liner Sailed.

As the sailing time of the Ward liner
Mexico, bound for Havana, approached
today eighty-one young negroes on
the pier became worked up to a stage
of wild excitement. All of them carried
trunks or suitcases, but many had no
overcoats and one without shoes.

They stormed the officers of the ship
with inquiries about passage for
Havana which they claimed had been
engaged for them by Walter Freeman,
a negro of No. 21 West One Hundred
and Thirty-third street.

No passage had been engaged for the
four score negroes by Freeman or any-
body else. The would-be passengers
became so hysterical that the police
were summoned, and finally Lieut. Cole,
chief of the old ship station got an idea
of what had happened.

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swindled. They had all been promised
jobs as bellmen, porters or elevator men
in a new and palatial hotel in Havana
which Freeman had assured them was
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the eighty-one had given up from \$2 to
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Opera Singer Sophie Brandt Begs
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Frederick Samuel, a clerk in an
Eighth avenue pawnshop, who pleaded
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Judge Malone, in the Court of General
Sessions today, sentenced Antonio Nergio,
a Sicilian, to Sing Sing Prison for
four years and six months for having a
revolver in his possession. Nergio, who
lived at No. 68 East Thirteenth street,
was in a duel with another Italian at
First avenue and Twelfth street on
Dec. 10. He was wounded and has since
been in Bellevue Hospital.

Investigation showed that Nergio, who
has been in this country only a little
more than a year, had served five terms
in prison in Italy.

Lying Dead in His Cabin.

Tom Doherty, an eighty-nine, cap-
tain of lighter No. 249 of the Pennsylv-
ania Railroad, was found lying dead
on the floor of his cabin today by
William Smith, an employee of the
American Cotton Docks at Tompkins-
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violence on the body, and it is believed
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NEW BRIBERY CHARGES IN CITY HALL SCANDAL.

Men Lazarus Accuses of Hold-Up
Rearrested After Case Is Post-
poned in Court.

Thomas J. Butler of No. 224 Morris
avenue and Robert Raphael of No. 61
West One Hundred and Eighty-third
street were before Magistrate Murphy
in Harlem Court today on the charge
of former City Marshal Harry Lazarus
that they had stolen money from him
by pretending to use it in his interest
at the City Hall.

When Lazarus was dismissed from his
office recently he declared revenge on
the administration and on Butler and
Raphael. He testified today that in
1909 he wanted to lease city property in
Harlem. Butler, he said, represented
that he could arrange the lease for \$150.
Lazarus paid the money to Butler, he
testified, and was told it was to be paid
to a city official. Lazarus never got the
lease or his money.

Magistrate Murphy asked why he had
delayed the complaint so long. Lazarus
said he heard only lately that the pair
were working the same game on others.
Both men were arrested by Agent
Dobyns of Commissioner Fosdick's
office, after their case was adjourned,
and were taken to the Tombs court on
new charges.

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through—twisting and wrenching every muscle,
bone and nerve! You who suffer from kidney
and bladder troubles know the experience only
too well. You know what it means to drag
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finest quality, including all the newest Winter models, such as the George, the
Seville, Gaby Deslys, Derby, etc.

The various lots, particularly the novelty lots,
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Hatters' Plush Velvet Hats, velvet facings. \$3.98
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Strictly all wool, hard-twisted 38c 26 inches wide; all silk, in a
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36-inch Satin Messaline, at 79c 54-inch Plain and Mixed Suitings, at 59c
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1-4 Carat, \$10 Values up to \$49.50
1-2 " 20
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Tailored fancy silks, nets
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2 and 1-4 " 25.00
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2 and 3-4 " 20.00
2 and 1-4 " 17.50
2 and 1-2 " 15.00
2 and 3-4 " 12.50
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Coat Sweaters at \$1.98
In all colors and combinations.
Also Golf Vests—Single and dou-
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75 Dozen of the Daintiest and Finest 79c
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Fine combed, French hand; cluster tucks and umbrella ruffle, fine night
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\$1 Crepon Night Gowns at 69c.
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Of German chinchilla, stylish full length models; double breasted, with
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Imported Macaroni and
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